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Home run duel in Iowa

WINTERSET, IA—The Jeff Clement vs. James Peterson is a mini McGwire vs. Sosa home run duel.

Clement entered the 2002 summer season at Marshalltown High with 59 career home runs, one more than Winterset's Peterson. Both are chasing the national record of 70 set by Drew Henson of Brighton (MI) High in 1995-98.

Clement hit Nos. 60 and 61 in his team's first five games. Peterson went homer-less in Winterset's first two games.

Although he has a scholarship to the University of Southern California waiting for him, Clement has made it known he is signable in the amateur draft.

"Jeff's passion is to play professionally," said Marshalltown Coach Steve Hanson, "and if he's offered enough to financially secure himself for life then it's time for him to move on."

"He spends a lot of time working on his hitting," Winterset Coach

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BEHIND THE SEAMS

Coaching has its peaks and valleys.

Two BCA members experienced the emotions of the game and the highs and lows of their profession in recent weeks.

Joe Cook had his Bishop McGuinness High team in the Oklahoma playoffs 10 times and in the Final Four on three occasions, but the championship trophy never made its way back to the *Fighting Irish campus until* this year.

Bishop McGuinness was unstoppable in a 17-hit, 11-5 finals victory.

Yet, it was a bittersweet triumph for the veteran coach.

"It really was neat watching the kids dog pile after we won," he said. "We've been close a lot of times and many of our former players were there to see us win."

The difficult part was defeating his friend Tony Reeder. Reeder's top seeded Collinsville team took a 40-2 record into the game compared to Bishop McGuinness' 34-6 record.

"Tony's team was the best we played all year," Cook said. "It really was tough to coach against him."

Cook obviously has no regrets about winning, though he would have preferred not having to defeat a good friend for the coveted honor.

Meanwhile, in West Virginia another story was being played out.

Billy Joe Hicks' Hurricane High team had the school's finest season.

A 31-4 record and the first-ever state championship in any sport would make any coach happy, but it was far from it for Hicks.

"It hasn't been an enjoyable year," he said.

When a disgruntled parent throws a telephone through the press box window because he was upset with Hicks taking his son

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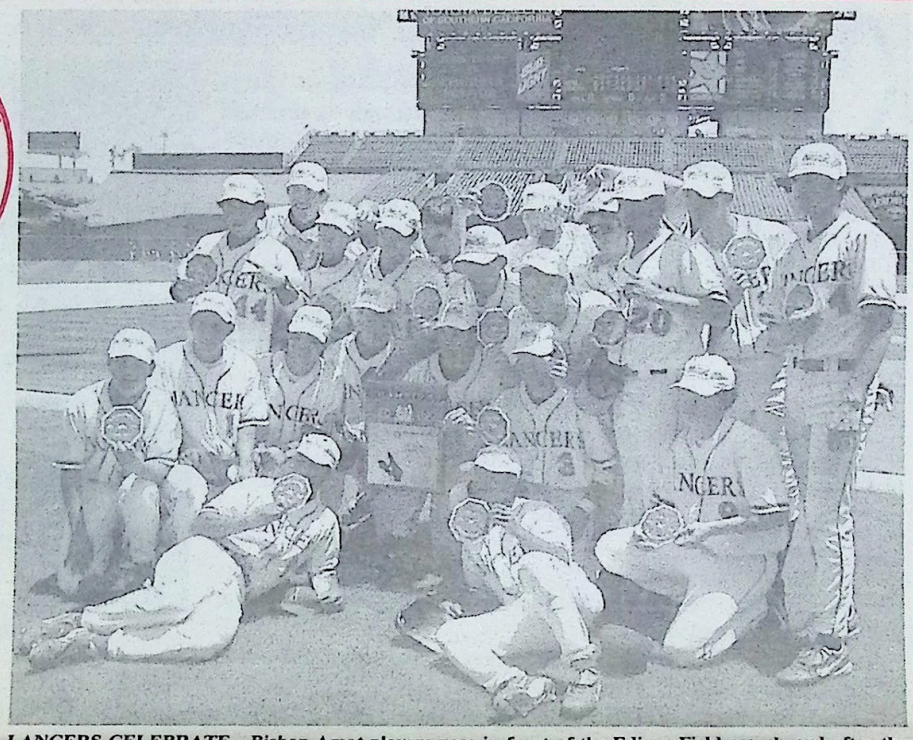

LANCERS CELEBRATE—Bishop Amat players pose in front of the Edison Field scoreboard after the Lancers' 2-1 win over La Quinta in the CIF Southern Section showdown between the two Southern California powers, who entered the game ranked No. 2 and 4 in the BCA-Baseball America Top 25.

(Photo by Craig Miles)

In Texas 5A final four

Elkins (TX) holds Off Top 25 challengers

BELLA VISTA, AR—Elkins (TX) was two games away from being the Texas 5A championship and the No. 1 team in the BCA-*Baseball America* Top 25 after the seventh regular-season ranking.

Elkins (33-1) was paired against Round Rock Westwood (32-9) in the semifinals with the winner moving on to face either Duncanville (26-10) or No. 15 ranked Austin Bowie (30-5), the other semifinalists, at the Texas showdown at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

For No. 2 Bishop Amat (28-2), *it's a wait and see* situation. Amat closed its season with 26 consecutive wins and a 2-1 victory over No. 9 La Quinta (29-3) in the CIF Southern Section Division IV championship.

La Quinta slipped to the ninth position.

Georgia's Parkview (33-4) moved into the third spot after winning its second state 5A championship in a row.

Florida's Miami Southridge (32-2) and Dunedin (32-1) were fourth and fifth. Southridge was the state's 6A runner-up.

Dunedin had suffered its first loss in the 4A

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Parkview (GA) repeats Behind Jeff Francoeur

MARIETTA, GA—"I don't think you could've scripted it any better," Parkview High Coach Hugh Buchanan said of Jeff Francoeur's Georgia 5A championship finals performance.

Francoeur slugged four home runs and was six-for-seven as Parkview (33-4) swept Lassiter (27-10) 5-4 and 11-3 for its second consecutive 5A title.

But there's more to Francoeur's heroics. He was the winning pitcher in relief in both games and had the game-winning hits in the victories.

He had seven RBI, four on a second game grand slam, and 22 total bases with two doubles and single.

"I don't think I could've dreamed this," he said. The championship ended Francoeur's career with two football state crowns and the baseball titles.

Francoeur won the 5-4 opening game with a seventh inning tie-breaking homer.

His sixth inning home run snapped a 3-3 tie in the second game and later in the inning he hit the grand slam.

Marist stops Shaw in 4A

COLUMBUS, GA—Marist High (32-7) swept defending 4A champion Shaw (31-5) by identical 6-3 scores to win its first championship since 1993 after second place finishes in 1999 and 2000.

Josh Darby singled in two runs in the ninth for the first game win. Austin Appleton's four innings of shutout relief came after Shaw had rallied for three runs to tie the game in the sixth.

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BCA Top 25 Rankings — Baseball America

5/20	6/03	School, City (if different), State	Record	Points
1-	1-	**Elkins**, Missouri City, **TX**	33-1	300
2-	2-	***Bishop Amat**, La Puente, **CA**	28-2	288
5-	3-	***Parkview**, Lilburn, **GA**	33-4	271
3-	4-	***Southridge**, Miami, **FL**	32-2	257
6-	5-	***Dunedin**, **FL**	32-1	255
7-	6-	***Picayune**, **MS**	35-3	254
11-	7-	***Clearwater Central Catholic**, **FL**	33-1	231
12-	8-	***Mission Bay**, San Diego, **CA**	30-4	214
4-	9-	***La Quinta**, Westminster, **CA**	29-3	197
10-	10-	**Mount Lebanon**, Pittsburgh, **PA**	22-1	188
--	11-	***Gainesville (GA)**	33-3	158
--	12-	***Rancho Buena Vista**, Vista, **CA**	30-4	156
--	13-	***Wilcox**, San Jose, **CA**	34-3	143
18-	14-	***Bishop Kenny**, Jacksonville, **FL**	28-4	142
--	15-	**Bowie, Austin, TX**	30-5	126
8-	16-	***Germantown, TN**	32-5	124
16-	17-	***Northside Christian**, St. Petersburg, **FL**	33-3	107
--	18-	***Camarillo, CA**	29-4	90
--	19-	**Pleasure Ridge Park**, Louisville, **KY**	29-3	88
23-	20-	**James Madison**, Fairfax, **VA**	26-0	75
14-	21-	**Iona Prep**, New Rochelle, **NY**	26-1	73
9-	22-	***Archbishop Mitty**, San Jose, **CA**	28-4	49
13-	23-	***Ronald Reagan**, San Antonio, **TX**	30-5	47
19-	24-	***Apopka, FL**	30-3	43
17-	25-	**Cretin-Derham Hall**, St. Paul, **MN**	21-1	31
20-	25-	***Taylorsville**, Salt Lake City, **UT**	25-2	31

*Indicates season is completed.

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Bishop Amat edges La Quinta for second consecutive championship

ANAHEIM, CA—Many thought the Toyo National Classic finals between Bishop Amat and La Quinta might be a preview of the CIF Southern Section Division IV championship finals. It was that and more here at Edison Field.

The BCA-*Baseball America* No.2 ranked Bishop Amat (28-2) scored an eight inning 2-1 victory for its second win over a pesky La Quinta (29-3) team that was No. 4 in the Top 25 rankings.

"It was a classic championship matchup," said Bishop Amat Coach Kenny Kendrena.

La Quinta put up a gallant effort against a favored Amat team, which has six players signed with NCAA Division I schools.

"I never thought I'd be in a game to say no one deserves to lose," said a disheartened losing Coach Dave Demarest. "But that's the way I feel with this game."

The Lancers capitalized on freshman 1B Kevin Wason's error of 3B Ian Stewart's throw to win their 26th consecutive game.

Adam Simon, who won his 13th game without a loss, scored the winning run.

Simon's four-hit pitching was matched by La Quinta starter Ian Kennedy (13-0), who allowed only three hits in six innings before giving way to Mike McKernan because of the mandatory 10-innings in a week rule.

It looked like McKernan (13-1) had slipped out of trouble in the eighth when he got pinch-hitter Andrew Soto to ground to Stewart with the bases loaded after a Simon's double and a pair of intentional walks.

Kennedy's two-base throwing error and David Pierson's ground out gave Amat an unearned run in the third.

La Quinta had taken a 1-0 second inning lead when DH Brandon Laird singled in Ed Arreola, who had walked.

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